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My Brothers,

As we prepare for our Spring Reunion, it is only fitting and proper that we recall "from whence we came". I hope this short synopsis will be enlightening. This information was taken from Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia.

Albert Pike is asserted within the Southern Jurisdiction as the man most responsible for the growth and success of the Scottish Rite from an obscure Masonic Rite in the mid-1800s to the international fraternity that it became.

Born in Boston, Massachusetts on December 29, 1809, Pike received the 4th through the 32nd Degrees in March 1853 from Dr. Albert G. Mackey, in Charleston, S.C., and was appointed Deputy Inspector for Arkansas that same year.

At this point, the degrees were in a rudimentary form, and often only included a brief history and legend of each degree as well as other brief details that usually lacked a workable ritual for their conferral. In 1855, the Supreme Council appointed a committee to prepare and compile rituals for the 4th through the 32nd Degrees. That committee was composed of Albert G. Mackey, John H. Honour, W. S. Rockwell, C. Samory, and Albert Pike. Of these five committee members, Pike did all the work of the committee.

In 1856 Albert Pike revised and re-issued the rituals for use in the Southern Jurisdiction, also illustrating his interpretations of his revised rituals in Morals and Dogma. These rituals and the interpretation of them contained in Morals and Dogma have been the focus of much of the criticism of Freemasonry as a whole, despite the factual inaccuracies of that criticism. Pike's final revision of the ritual is no longer in use in the Southern Jurisdiction. Rather, the Southern Jurisdiction ritual today is a ritual that has been revised many times by various ritual committees and other contributors.

In the USA, there are two Supreme Councils: one in Washington, DC, and one in Lexington, Massachusetts, which control the Southern Jurisdiction (SJ) and Northern Masonic Jurisdiction (NMJ), respectively. In the SJ, individual states are referred to as Orients and local bodies are called Valleys; the NMJ uses only Valley. Each Valley has up to four Scottish Rite bodies, and each body confers a set of degrees.

In the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, the Supreme Council consists of no more than 33 members, and is presided over by a Grand Commander. Other members of the Supreme Council are called "Sovereign Grand Inspectors General" (S.G.I.G.), and each is the head of the Rite in his respective Orient (or state). Other heads of the various Orients who are not members of the Supreme Council are called "Deputies of the Supreme Council." Based in Washington, D.C., the Southern Jurisdiction is the "Mother Supreme Council of the World," being the first Supreme Council, and was founded in Charleston, South Carolina in 1801.

Attainment of the third Masonic degree, that of a Master Mason, represents the attainment of the highest rank in all of Masonry. Additional degrees, (The Scottish Rite Degrees) are sometimes referred to as appendant degrees. Even where the degree numbering might imply a hierarchy, they represent a lateral movement in Masonic Education rather than an upward movement, and are degrees of instruction rather than rank.

In 2000, the Southern Masonic Jurisdiction completed a revision of its ritual scripts. The current titles of the degrees and their arrangement in the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States remains substantially unchanged from the beginning. The list of degrees for the Supreme Councils of Canada, Australia, England and Wales, and most other jurisdictions agrees with that of the Southern Jurisdiction of the U.S.

#### 72nd Reunion Schedule

3 Breakfasts - Assorted fruit, sweet rolls, bagels, orange juice & coffee \$ donation

#### Thursday 5/1/2008

9:30 am ---Registration and Reception of Candidates

10:00 am ---Class assembly

10:30 am ---Prologue

10:45 am---4°

11:30 am ---Lunch- soups, make your own sandwiches, cookies \$7

12:30 pm ----5°

1:15 pm-----Communicate 6° Class Instruction and Information

3:00 pm-----7°

3:30 pm-----Communicate 8°-11°

4:15 pm-----12°

5:00 pm----Dinner- lasagna, tossed salad, garlic bread, dessert \$8

6:00 pm----Communicate 13°

6:15 pm----14°

7:15 pm ----Adjourn

#### Friday 5/2/2008

8:00 am----Class time Communicate 15°-17°

9:00 am----18°

10:30 am---Communicate 19°

10:45 am---20° LODGE ROOM 1

12:15 pm---Lunch- soup, make your own sandwiches, cookies \$7

1:45 pm----Communicate 21°-28°

2:30 pm----29°

3:30 pm---Class Time

4:45 pm---30° 1<sup>st</sup> Apartment

5:15 pm ----Dinner-beef stew, biscuits, Jell-O salad, dessert \$8

6:30 pm---30° 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Apartments

7:30 pm---Adjourn

#### Saturday 5/3/2008

8:00 am---Class Assemble and Class Time

9:00 am---4<sup>th</sup> Apartment 30°

9:30 am ----SGIG—Class Picture

11:00 am---31°

12:00---Lunch- Pizza & veggie tray, cookies \$7

1:00 pm ----Class Time

1:30 pm-----32°

3:00 pm -Class Rap up and dismiss for Banquet

6:00 pm ----Reunion Banquet

Banquet- Swiss Steak with mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed veggie, tossed salad, rolls-butter and a great dessert. \$12

Calendar for 2008-2009 Scottish Rite meetings and dinners.

Need a ride to the meetings?  
Contact Roger Baker to make arrangements  
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ALL STATED MEETINGS ARE HELD THE THIRD MONDAY NIGHT OF THE MONTH

April 21, 2008 Stated Meeting

May 1,2,3 2008 Spring Reunion

May 19, 2008 Stated Meeting 7:00pm

June 16, 2008, Scottish Rite Picnic, Stated Meeting

July & August No Stated Meetings

September 15, 2008, Stated Meeting 7:00pm

October 20, 2008, Dinner 5:30pm, Stated Meeting and Feast of Tishri

November 17, 2008, Stated Meeting 7:00pm, recognize Veterans

December 6, 2008, St. Mary's & Scottish Rite Christmas Party 8:30am-10:30 am

December 15, 2008. Stated meeting 7:00pm, Election of Officers

January 10, 2009, Dinner 12:00 noon, Installation of Officers after dinner

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<http://homepage.mac.com/gjaasr/AASR/Welcome/Welcome.htm>



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This price includes a free full breakfast of your choice from a 9 item selected menu.

Call 1-800-790-2661 (direct line to front desk) and ask for Scottish Rite rooms. All rooms are non-smoking.

Rooms will be available for registration through April 2008.